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### COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO SITE ASSESSMENT AND MITIGATION SAM Manual 2004

The Site Assessment and Mitigation (SAM) Manual 2004 is an updated compilation of guidelines that are designed to assist consultants and others who work in the field of environmental investigation and remediation in San Diego County. These guidelines are designed to improve communication between the consulting and the regulatory community and to expedite environmental investigations and remediation. With better communication and clear guidance provided, investigation and remediation can be completed in the most timely and cost effective manner possible.

Since 1986, Technical Work Groups and SAM Program staff has developed these guidelines. Technical Work Groups are comprised of individuals representing private industry, the consulting community, and the regulatory sector. SAM staff has completed the incorporation of these guidelines into the manual. These guidelines have been developed in close cooperation with the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board.

This manual provides guidance for persons submitting projects to SAM for review. These guidelines are used to consistently evaluate the acceptability of submitted information. Users should be aware that SAM staff may allow exceptions from the guidelines, when workplans are provided and approval is obtained, before the work is carried out. These decisions are made on a case by case basis.

This manual is intended to replace all previous guidelines and policies that have been distributed by this Division.

Sincerely,

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